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Title: Sermons of Virtue V

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This implies that the Virtues were and are intended for all inhabiting our lands, which now also includes non-humans. Second, the Virtues are obviously the centerpiece for an entire society. The entire society is inclusive of all inhabiting the lands, not solely the Humankind inhabiting the lands. To do otherwise would be to tear at the fabric of our society by relegating a large portion of our peoples as less worthy than those of a chosen exalted subgroup; in this case it places humans over non-humans. Lord British never intended for our society to be bipolar, he intended, stood for, and fought for a united society of total acceptance and inclusion.

Others simply claim that humans are the pinnacles of evolution. They claim that humans stand above the other races. They add that due to this superiority, only humans are capable of achieving the Virtues. They believe that the other races would inherently be unable to use the light of Virtues to find the true path of Virtue. This view originates in a despising of those different than oneself. It additionally wrongly ignores the abilities of those different than oneself. So

this argument roots itself  
with the central point  
being Despise and Wrong,  
the antitheses of  
Compassion and Justice.

Still others claim that  
the Virtues belong to  
humans because a human  
conceived them. It is  
figured that obviously  
humans, and only humans,  
were meant to understand  
and live by the Virtues.  
They hold with greed to  
the Virtues refusing to  
share them with the  
other races. This is  
Covetous behavior, the  
opposite extreme from  
Sacrifice.

Another byproduct of  
those choosing to reserve  
the Virtues solely for  
Humankind, thus denying  
the Virtues to those of  
mixed or non-human blood,  
would be to turn our  
society into two opposing  
camps. In time such  
division will lead to  
strife, conflict, distrust,  
friction, and eventually to  
civil war. This is hopefully  
not the intent of those  
supporting the misguided  
notion of a bipolar  
society; one of the  
Virtues and one denied  
the Virtues. A society  
divided cannot stand and  
is inheritably weaker.  
Just as Lord British  
intended, we should strive  
for the most united and  
strongest society possible.  
In such a society the  
Virtues are the common  
thread, not just for  
some, but universally for  
all. To assume different  
is Arrogance, the  
diametric opposite of  
Humility.

Virtue: The Balance We  
Need

Lord British established  
the Virtues,  
Based on the Three  
Principles.  
He set us all on the  
path of Virtue.  
Thus establishing a  
principled Order.  
But soon the Order was  
opposed.  
Opposed by the concept  
of Chaos.  
Order and Chaos can not  
both exist in peace.  
If Order exists then  
Chaos will rebel against  
it.  
If Chaos exists then  
Order must fight against  
it.  
For clarification we must  
note.  
Order does not equate to  
goodness.  
Just as Chaos does not  
equate to evil.  
The followers of the Ebon  
Skull are followers of  
Order.  
Their actions are to  
spread Chaos among  
others.  
But our ruling councils  
were steeped in Virtue.  
And were established to  
hold the path.  
But now some speak of a  
broader more inclusive  
view.  
They call for adoption of  
Balance  
Over the teachings of  
Virtue  
Choosing Balance is to  
ignore the Virtues.  
Balance equates Order  
with Chaos.  
It demands equal portions  
of both in our lands.  
This balance will spread  
ruin across our lands.  
This balance cannot exist  
in reality  
As Order and Chaos  
cannot be balanced.  
They can only be violently  
opposed.

I stand here with another  
Balance to suggest.

I suggest a Virtuous  
Balance.

A Balance we have  
defined here before.

A Balance where you try  
to balance your following  
of each Virtue.

A Balance that recognized  
the Complimentary  
Virtues.

A Balance that  
implements Complimentary  
Virtues as

The Balance where one  
does not choose Valor  
over Justice.

The Balance where one  
does not choose  
Compassion over Honor.

The Balance where one  
does not choose Honesty  
over Sacrifice.

The Balance where one  
does not choose  
Spirituality over Humility.

For a land lacking in  
Virtue will fall into  
Darkness.

A land without a Balance  
in Virtue is equally  
doomed.

Balance must be reached  
But NOT the Balance of  
Chaos and Order

We must strive for is  
the Virtuous Balance.

The Virtuous Balance  
found only through  
discipline

A discipline in harmony  
with the People.

A discipline in harmony  
with the Principles and  
the Virtues.

A Virtuous Balance which  
is the multiplier of  
Principles through Virtue.

The Three Halves of  
Virtue

There are three halves to  
Virtue, one half for each  
of the Principles. If you  
take the eight Virtues  
and examine them  
analytically with respect

to the Principles, you find the Principle of Love in four of eight Virtues, the Principle of Truth in four of eight Virtues, and the Principle of Courage in four of eight Virtues. Each Principle is represented in half of the Virtues, thus the three halves of Virtue.

Go another step in this analysis; you will find that two of the Virtues honor all three Principles, each in a drastically different way. Spirituality constitutes the combination of all three Principles, while Humility constitutes the absence of all three Principles. Another passing note of interest is that pairing Humility and Spirituality together, they represent each Principle once. I like to call this Complimentary Virtues.

Are there other Complimentary Virtues? As a matter of fact, each Virtue has a Complimentary Virtue. This gives us four pairs of Complimentary Virtues. Compassion with Honor. Honesty with Sacrifice. Valor with Justice. And as we noted at the start, Humility and Spirituality.

This begs the question, "Is there any significance to these pairings?" In all my studies, I have not come across any formal declaration of significance, but I have theorized that there must be some relevance. My feeling is that by combining Complimentary Virtues in an act, one has

committed an act of  
totally balanced Principle.  
Following these musings a  
little further, we find  
that if we were to sum  
the total Principles  
contained in the eight  
Virtues, we would find  
that they total out at  
four, five if you consider  
Humility to honor all  
three through their  
absence. Through this we  
see that a life lived with  
perfect balance of the  
Virtues will act as a  
multiplier of the three  
Principles.